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Between 29 August and 6 September 1953, the barracks installation on either side of Schubertstrasse, north of Sundhausener Strasse, Gotha, was occupied by an estimated 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At 5 p.m. on 4 September, about 200 troops fell in in front of a barracks building, while two teams engaged in a game of soccer, with about 50 soldiers watching. About 50 troops left the installation toward the town [redacted] while another 100 troops were in the barracks area. At 10 a.m. on 5 September, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with five machine guns and carrying spades marched to the training area. [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1A [redacted] 25X1X [redacted] this barracks installation occupied by 2,000 troops. Information in the present report tends to indicate that the bulk of the units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed there were still at the Kindel troop training grounds in early September. The

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